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SLIDE NIGHT

Wed 12th March 7.45pm Clubrooms

Marian Lester of "Sirius Adventures"
Kununurra, East Kimberley, WA

Will present a slide show featuring the Kimberley, Kakadu and Keep National Parks to whet everyone's appetites for the wonders that are northern Australia

WARRAMBUNGLES and NEW ENGLAND RAIN FORESTS.

Sept 20th - Oct 3rd 1997

Positively the last call. Bookings close mid March.
Private transport. Approx \$300

AH Sylvia Ford (Wilson)

Film Night

The English Patient

12 Academy Award Nominations !

Best Picture Best Actor
Best Actress Best Director

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette
Binoche, William Dafoe & Kirsten Scott
Thomas

Jam Factory Cinema
500 Chapel St
South Yarra

Friday 14th March

7 or 8pm (Exact Time to be confirmed)

\$10 per ticket or a book of 10 ticket at \$7.50

Final numbers and payment for reserved
seating by Wed Evening 12th march.

See Marisa for more info or Phone

First Aid Course

See page 2

Wilky Winter Bookings

open 5th March, 1997

Your Feedback is required

How would you react to the club moving to South Melbourne

Sol Green Recreation Centre
Cnr Montague & Coventry Streets, South
Melbourne

This centre has parking, storage etc and is available on
Wednesday evenings

If you have strong views either way please contact a
member of the committee.

From the President

Welcome to this, my first piece as president. I got off to an auspicious start by being late for the AGM! However, it was nice to be warmly welcomed as I was, by so many members. I look forward to working with the management committee to carry on the good work done by Janet Norman and the Club officers. Janet has passed over the stewardship of a most healthy club. We have more members than ever in our history (480+), we have a vigorous, well patronised walks programme with so many interesting walks and events that it's difficult to chose which ones to go on, and we are financially very secure. We also have an infrastructure that works well to keep all of our systems effective including an excellent newsletter, a full and varied social calendar and many procedures and systems that work 'behind the scenes' that many members won't even be aware of. This year we are very fortunate in having a particularly experienced committee who have been doing all of these jobs and who are staying on to do them some more! They really do deserve our thanks.

At the AGM Janet informed everyone about the clubrooms. We still do not know when we shall have to move, but we are keeping abreast of the information as it becomes available. There are several issues to face with a move of premises - perhaps the most contentious is the location. We shall be asking for your views on the options.

I hope to be talking to you in the clubrooms and on the track to hear your views on how you want your Club to be run. -

Derrick Brown.

The NEWS is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and is published monthly.
Edited by **Judy Gipps**.

Articles, walk reports, poems, snippets of news, reports of new gear, book reviews, letters "to the Editor", advertisements, etc are always welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles, letters or other contributions, where space, clarity or propriety dictate. and to maintain editorial consistency

Please note that articles for **The NEWS** may be :
placed in the Red Box in the clubrooms or
mailed to Judy Gipps,
or
faxed to me on
emailed to

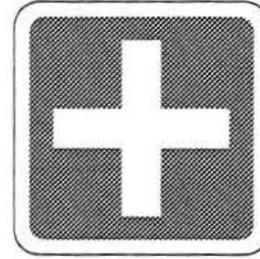
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Only advertisements directly relating to bushwalking will be accepted (eg gear, maps, trips, tours)

Members Ads - FREE

Closing Date for **APRIL97 News** is 26th MARCH 97



FIRST AID

The Committee has decided to subsidise members **who are willing to lead walks** and as a means of encouraging new leaders, on a Red Cross First Aid Course.

Several courses are available but the Senior First Aid course is one evening per week over eight weeks 6.30pm - 9pm starting on the 17th April. The cost of this course is \$115 and the club subsidy will be \$55.

Please see Marisa in the clubrooms or contact her on _____ by the end of March if you are interested in being part of a group booking

Australian Red Cross
171 City Rd,
Southbank 3006

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Club Equipment

Basic bushwalking equipment is available for hire from Jean Woodger. Preference is given to visitors and prospective members going on club trips.

Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, MacKenzie St., Melbourne (rear of the Royal Horticultural Society building) on **WEDNESDAY** Evenings between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

Visitors are always welcome.

General correspondence should be directed to:
The Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc.
PO Box 1751Q, MELBOURNE 3001

Previews for April Day Walks

Sunday 30 March 1997 Chum Creek - Dixons Creek
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leader: Peter Havlicek & Brian Crouch
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9:00 am
Expected time of return: 4 pm
Approximate length of walk: 7 km
Expected time of return: 6:30 pm
Approximate distance: 14 & 17 km
Area: Yarra Glen - Toolangi
Map Reference: Toolangi 1:25 000 7922-1-1

This walk runs from Chums Creek valley to Dixons Creek valley crossing Pauls Range. Most walking is on tracks with short sections in open forests with little undergrowth. Climbs are moderate, 450m for the E/M, 350 m for the E walk. There are some good views. A guarantee of no leeches, no wet feet creek crossings.

Monday 31 March 1997 Elwood Swamp & Canal
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leader: Athol Schafer
Transport: Train
Expected time of return: 4 pm
Approximate length of walk: 7 km
Map Reference: Melway 58 & 67

This is an extra Autumn Program Walk.

Meet under Flinders St Station clocks at 10 am.

Starts at Balaclava (treasure-trove) Station and finishes at Gardenvale, taking in the St Kilda Botanical Gardens, the old broad-gauge tramway route, a stretch of the breezy bayside and the canal.

Saturday 5 April 1997 Cycling
Easy/Medium

Leader: Cameron McMillan
Transport: Private
Area: Bunyip State Park
Approximate length of ride: 50 km
Map Reference: Garfield North 1:25,000, Gembrook 1:25,000
South Labertouche 1:25,000, Spion Kopje 1:25,000

After reading about this area in "The Age" Victoria's Great Outdoors. I want to explore it on my mountain bike taking in The Old Charcoal Kiln at Kurth Kiln and possibly visiting Powelltown where I have never been before. This area has lots of "Shared Tracks" which would be more suitable for a Mountain or hybrid Bike if you have one. We shall meet at 10 am at the Mortimer Picnic Ground beside the Tonimbuk Road near the Tynong North Road which is 5 km from the Princes Highway. I can be contacted on _____ at home in the evenings for further details.

Sunday 6 April 1997 Cumberland River
Easy/Medium & Medium - Jamieson Creek

Leaders: Brian Crouch and Glen Berry
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 8.30 am
Area: Otways Forest SW of Lorne
Approximate length of walk: 17 & 20 km
Map Reference: Lorne 1:25,000 & Mt Cowley 1:25,000

The walk is in the Angahook - Lorne State Park close to the Otway Ranges and the vegetation ranges from low heathland to towering forest. Access is via the spectacular Great Ocean Road, the walks start beyond Lorne at Jamieson Creek. Features of the walk are dry to lush forest surroundings, occasional views along the track and spectacular views close to end of both walks. Both walks are challenging as they start at sea level and climb to 420 m altitude, then continue undulating until descending near the end. Both walks are restricted to experienced walkers only. Cumberland River Reserve is finish point for both walks and the medium group may visit Cumberland Falls, if time allows.

****Remember 8.30 start

Sunday 13 April 1997 Daylesford -
Easy & Easy/Medium Lost Childrens track

Leaders: Peter Havlicek & Alan Ide
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: Daylesford
Expected time of return: 7 pm
Approximate length of walk: 14 & 20 km
Map Reference: Eganstown 1:25,000, Daylesford 1:25,000
Bullarto 1:25,000 & Barkstead 1:25,000

The medium walk follows the wanderings last century of three Daylesford children who become lost. They were found dead near Wheeler Hill Road (south-east of Daylesford). The easy walkers shall take a (prophylactic?) short cut going past Jubilee Lake.

Both walks start at the Lost Children's monument in Daylesford. The easy walkers start up the creek past the mineral springs towards Daylesford Lake, while medium walkers head down the creek, then south to Sailors Falls; then towards and along the dismantled Daylesford-Ballarat railway before heading east towards the Lost Childrens monument.

The walks are mainly on tracks/forest roads through regrowth eucalypt forests. The vertical displacement is moderate.

Wednesday 16 April 1997 Gembrook Regional Park
Easy/Medium

Leaders: Max Casley
Transport: Private
Area: Gembrook
Expected time of return: 6 pm
Approximate length of walk: 12-14 km
Map Reference: Gembrook South 1:25,000

This is a pleasant walk in the fairly open forests in the hills of West Gippsland. We will go through an area of thick tree ferns and follow a nature trail for a short time.

We will start and finish at Mortimer Reserve picnic area.

Meet 10.00 am at Mortimer Reserve, 7 km east of Gembrook along Tonimbuk Road near Link Road Signpost (Gembrook South ref 765948). Alternatively meet at _____ at 8.30 am. You can telephone me on _____ for further details.

Saturday 19 April 1997 Dandenongs Explorer
Easy

Leaders: Michael Humphrey
Transport: Private
Area: Dandenongs

Detail of this walk will be in the April edition of the **News** or contact Michael Humphrey on _____

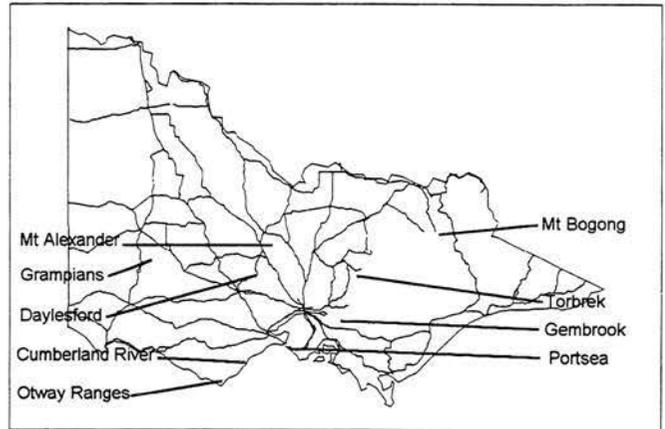
Sunday 20 April 1997 Mt Alexander Regional Park
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leaders: Max Casley & Ian McPhee
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am
Area: North of Kyneton
Expected time of return: 7 pm
Approximate length of walk: 13 & 16 km
Map Reference: Chewton & Barker 1:25,000

The Easy/Medium group will start in the park, climb up to the koala sanctuary (last time the only koala we saw was outside the sanctuary) We then follow a track through open forest past huge granite boulders as we steadily climb Mt Alexander. There are magnificent views to Bendigo and Lake Eppaloch across farmland 350 metres below. Then we go down through eucalypt and pine forest to finish in a small oak forest.

The medium group follows an irrigation channel easement through farmland, then we cross farmland into the park and climb up to Dry Rocks. We then join the route of the other groups.

Note: Max has offered to lead this walk because Jean has other commitments including Club Walks.



Sunday 27 April 1997 Portsea - Sorrento
Easy & Easy/Medium

Leaders: John Kittson & Fay Pratt
Transport: Bus from Southbank Boulevard at 9.00 am

Details of this walk will be in the April edition of the **News**



Mark Durré and Elsa Viertmann had a baby boy named Christopher Adam, weight 2.95kg, born 3/2/97. Mother and child are both great.

Fees for Bus Transport

- Fees must be paid to reserve a seat on the bus.
- Bookings are made on Club Night. Telephone bookings are not accepted.
- Members may book by posting the full fee to reach the leader by the Tuesday two weeks before the walk.
- An extra \$2 is charged if fees are not paid prior to the walk. That is before arriving at the bus.
- Anyone wishing to be picked up by the bus en route to a walk, or dropped off on the return trip, must arrange it with the leader at the time of booking.

Previews for April Weekend & Pack-Carry Walks

4-6 April 1997 **Otways Base Camp**
Easy/Medium

Leaders: Sylvia Ford
Transport: Private
Area: Otways
Expected time of return: 10 pm
Approximate length of walk: 14 & 11 km
Map Reference: Otways & Shipwreck Coast
 Wangarrip 1:25,000 & Princetown 1:25,000

Ryan's Den is tricky to find but the camp site has a lovely, if slightly airy, view and is well worth it. (It's beyond Laver's Hill). As a change from near death experiences (walking around the bottom of cliffs with the tide coming in) we'll give the new Geelong Bushwalkers Club Otways Track Notes a go. Saturday: a 9 km circuit around Moonlight Head plus an interesting looking extra 5 km circuit that takes in the wrecks of the Fiji and Marie Gabrielle. Sunday: Milanesa Beach to Joanna, 11 km and a car shuffle, superb views of the coast and chance of a careful swim at the end and/or a quick trip in the Lavers Hill coffee shop. This is no mucking about up and down country. Map (photo copied) of location on application but better to have your own Shipwreck Coast.

11-13 April 1997 **Grey Hills - Quartz Ridge**
Medium/Hard **- Mt Bogong**

Leaders: Gina Hopkins
Transport: Private
Area: Bogong National Park
Expected time of return: Late Sunday Night
Approximate length of walk: 34 km
Map Reference: Bogong Alpine Area Outdoor Leisure Map

This will be a fairly strenuous walk, starting from Howman's Gap, climbing up the Spion Kopje and then over the Grey Hills to camp at the foot of the Quartz Ridge or possible Granny Spur. Some of us would like to climb Granny Spur rather than Quartz Ridge but as it would be much harder it will depend on the fitness and enthusiasm of the group at the time.

On Sunday we will enjoy the superb views from Mt Bogong before descending the Staircase and finishing the walk at Mountain Creek.

Rather than a long car shuffle, the plan is to camp at Mountain Creek Friday night then get a bus from Tawonga to Howman's Gap early Saturday morning. That way we'll only have a short car shuffle on Sunday.

18-20 April 1997 **Mt Bullfight - Torbrek**
Easy/Medium

Leaders: Cameron McMillan
Transport: Private
Area: Lake Mountain - Royston River
Approximate length of walk: 24 km
Map Reference: Royston 1:25,000

We shall start walking from Gerraty's Ca Park at 8.30 am on Saturday morning along the Echo Flat Ski Trail to Royston Gap where we will climb up onto Federation Range and onto Mt Bullfight 1469 metres. Camp will be made after a 480 metre descent beside the Royston River. On Sunday we will climb 320 metres up a spur to the south west to a 1317 metre high point GR (54690067). We will then continue walking south along a ridge to the Woollybutt Ski Trail and up to Lake Mountain before finishing at Gerraty's Car Park.

25-27 April 1997 **Grampians Base Camp**
Easy, Easy/Medium & Medium

Leaders: Alan Miller
Transport: Private
Area: Grampians
Approximate distance from Melbourne: 270 km
Map Reference:

I have chosen the Boreong Camp Site in the centre of the Grampians for our base. At the time of writing, the creek is dry so we may have to take water with us. There is a new toilet block at this camping ground. Camping fee : \$7.50 per vehicle. I will give more details in the next newsletter.

Pearson has offered to lead a medium walk along the length of Mt Rosea Creek, and wants to know if anyone would like to do some cycling. I shall be organising walks of an easy/medium grade.

Fred Halls, who is in the Kingston Centre, would appreciate it if some of his old walking mates could visit him.

He is in Ward North 3, Kingston Centre, Warrigal Road, Cheltenham.

The ward can be rung on 9265 1220.

Exciting Times

Thomson River Lilo trip 15-16 February 1997

Party: Stephen, Merryn, George, Dale, Jopie, David, Gina & Derrick

It was a good weekend for a lilo trip - hot! Just as well, because the Thomson river is cold. Thermals or wetsuits were the order of the day. We hopped in at the Thomson dam, watched with interest by another party who later passed us in a large rubber raft. A veteran of lilo trips, I was mystified to find that my paddling was not up to scratch. The problem was identified when I saw that my paddles, which had been repaired recently, had the blades fixed at 180° difference; one faced forward, one faced back! To paddle effectively this necessitated some rather strange wrist movements, which I was still practising when I hit the first set of rapids. No problems, quite fun. Then Dale discovered that her lilo was leaking. Rather than wait to repair it we blew up a replacement - we had three spares - and continued. I settled down to enjoy the river but we were quickly onto more rapids. Fast manoeuvring was required, and I twirled my paddles this way and that. The wrist motions were not yet natural, and I was not nimble enough to avoid being swept sideways into a large log. My lilo exploded, throwing me into the fast-flowing river. Stephen whizzed by. 'Your baffles have blown!' he shouted. I was rather busy at that moment, trying to get back upstream to retrieve my lilo from the log, where it was firmly jammed. It was of no use, however, for a lilo without baffles is like a pyjama bag, so I drifted to the waiting party downstream hanging on to a shapeless, useless mass. The second spare lilo was inflated.

The river continued to provide excitements - lots of rapids. Soon after lunch we hit a waterfall. This was too dangerous to lilo down so we walked around. Dale ended up on the wrong side and had to throw her gear in the river and climb down a steep bank then swim across the river at the foot of the waterfall. Everyone lost their packs and/or came off their lilos as we went through many sets of rapids. I heard screams from Gina as she went through rapids sideways or backwards, and I came unstuck on many occasions. Camp was declared at 3.30 pm. when we relaxed, swam and explored the creek which entered the river at the campsite.

The river was now flowing through a very steep-sided gorge. It was getting bigger, and more rocks were appearing. During the afternoon a party of youngsters appeared on large rubber inner tubes. One group told us that they had left one of their number behind, by himself, as 'he was fed up with the rocks'. We felt that this was an incredibly irresponsible act, as the river was very cold, walking would be slow and difficult and he

would have to swim in many places. Fortunately he was picked up by one of the tour companies at their tea-stop site, otherwise he could have been in real trouble as there were no access points for a long stretch.

Shortly after we had set off on Sunday morning Stephen badly ripped his lilo so we used spare number three. At the railway bridge where the restored Walhalla line crosses the river, the passengers in a passing train hung out to look at us. We continued to Coopers Creek, passing the mining tunnel where the river is sucked into a cauldron. We got past the input tunnel entrance without drama but the output tunnel was another story. Lots of excitement here as we paddled uphill against the outflow and then straight into more rapids.

The last part was very gentle, drifting with the current down to Coopers Creek, and people. A great weekend on a most exciting river for liloing. Thank you, Gina, for leading this, taking the place of Geoff Kelly, still recovering from his broken leg.

Derrick Brown

Conservation

At last, the government has made decisions about Mt Stirling. Club members who made submissions should have received a copy of the panel report and an assessment by the Minister for Planning and Local Government. There are actually two versions of the assessment included and it is interesting to compare them. The first assessment is dated late December, the second appears to have been made in February.

The first assessment basically endorsed all of the panel's recommendations. Much of this was substantially watered down in the second assessment.

While initially supporting infrastructure such as the sealing of the road from Mirimbah to TBJ, the Minister has now stated that funds are not currently available.

Initially, the Minister endorsed the recommendation that the government should make a clear statement that Mt Stirling is no longer an option for downhill alpine skiing and that the future vision was for an all season nature based tourist, recreational and educational resource. The second assessment placed a time limit of 15 years after which downhill skiing would once again be an option for Mt Stirling.

It seems that we may have to battle again to save Mt Stirling after 2012.

Bill Metzenthén

Federation

The February meeting of the Federation Council voted to recommend a fee increase for affiliated clubs (e.g. the Melbourne Bushwalkers) of \$2 per club member. This is necessary to cover the current running costs of the Federation.

The Federation office has had a couple of problems. First, the offices were burgled; fortunately the stolen equipment was covered by insurance. More recently, the Federation Administration Officer (the only paid officer of the Federation) resigned, followed shortly after by the resignation of her replacement.

Bill Metzthen

The Mount Worth State Park Walk

Sunday 9th February, 1997

Most chose the easier Mount Worth Trek, though some chose a little 'torture', depending on the state of the body-wreck after many a Melbourne 'scorcher'.

Some were obviously better prepared for the onslaught at Blowfly Hill, those doused in Citronella fared much better than this poor dill.

We ventured ever nearer the forest, but alas, those blighters still clung, their presence was all too manifest, 'til relief well away from the dung.

The picnic ground by Midnight Creek was the ideal abode for our lunch, but still the flies played hide and seek, determined to spoil every munch.

Relief came at last on the Giant Circuit amid mountain ash and ferns, a fantasy land where bell-birds greet at every twist and turn.

History lay scattered along the track to remind us of bygone days, when many a tree would thunder and creek and die in a saw-dust maze.

Away from the forest and saw-mill to the climb, and that erstwhile chore of swotting and slapping up Blowfly Hill 'til the bus, and relief in store.

Some welcomed a splash 'neath the water tank, some took to their 'lippie' and comb, some wearily boarded the bus and stank, preferring to clean up at home

Jill Dawson

Conservation Sub Committee

If you are interested in Conservation you may be interested in being part of a Conservation Sub Committee. There is much work to do and Bill could do with some help from interested members. Please contact Bill Metzthen if you are interested.

Max Patterson, B.Sc, B.Bus(Aust) Massage Therapist

(currently studying Diploma Tactile Therapies)

Is your body telling you that last walk was tough?
Are your legs and shoulders sore?
Do you have aches and pains?

OR

Do you just want to be pampered, reenergised,
dressed, and take time out just for you ?

For appointments: Please phone Max Patterson
(H)
(B)

HAVE TABLE WILL TRAVEL !

Who is doing what job in 1997

At the committee meeting on the 3rd March it was decided the following people would either represent Melbourne Bushies in particular roles or have the following responsibilities.

Search and Rescue	Peter Chalkley
Federation	Athol Schafer
	Bill Metzthen
	Stephen Rowlands
Maps	Bernie Wilson
Equipment	Jean Woodger
Track Clearing	Anne Wilkins
Conservation	Bill Metzthen
Library	Ralph Blake

Sylvia Andrew's recipes for Tomato Leather and Yogurt Leather

These recipes are from Sylvia Andrews and they look delicious.

Tomato Leather

2 kg tomatoes chopped
2 onions chopped
fresh or dried basil to taste or marjoram
salt and pepper to taste

Saute chopped onion (do not brown) in oil, add chopped tomatoes, herbs, salt and pepper and cook until a thick puree.

Pour onto *Glad Bake* paper in drier. When top of puree is dry enough, carefully pull off paper and dry on the other side. You can vary this by adding other ingredients or leave out herbs, garlic is great added with the onions.

Yoghurt Leather

Put 500g plain or flavoured yoghurt onto *Glad Bake* paper spread thinly, placed in food drier. Do not use diet yoghurt as it does not dry very well. Turn yoghurt when dry enough and peel off paper. In my old drier it takes about 8 hours

WALK ALSACE

Enjoy the gastronomic delights and superb wines of Alsace, France on a 7 day self-guided walking tour through vineyards, medieval villages and the forests of the Vosges Mountains. With a map and instructions provided by the local walking club and your picnic lunch you set off at your own pace for the next hotel (about 15 km) as your luggage is transported ahead.

\$900 per person twin share including excellent accommodation and all meals.

PH: 9415 1588 FAX: 9415 1590

This is a private advertisement and is accepted as a service to Members only. These are NOT official Club trips.

Membership Subscriptions

The Membership subscription renewal period is until the end of May. During this time, your mailing label will carry a 'SubsDue' reminder until you renew. The May issue will contain a final reminder. Renewal of subscriptions are accepted even after the end of May, but you may miss out on copies of the **NEWS**.

If you plan on being absent from Melbourne for a year or so, ask the Membership Secretary about the no-cost 'Absentee Membership'.

New members

MICHAEL XUEREB

PETER J DAGLISH

MICHAEL GRANT

CHARLES CUTLER

MARGO GARSIDE

KRISTINA LUNDSTROM

NINA SAVVA

JULIA DAVIDSON

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BRIAN CROUCH

JIM FOSTER

BEVERLEY MAC INTOSH

JOHN ROWE

ILSA SCHULLER

VINCENT TORLEY

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Accounts for February 1997

Opening Balance	\$56,231.77
Receipts	\$2,028.00
Payments	\$3,583.45
Closing Balance	\$54,676.32

Walks Secretary: Attendances for January 97

	Trips	Av	1996
Sunday Bus	4	40.5	38
Pack Carry	3	9.3	9.4
Lodge(Walhalla)	1	40	33
Wed,Hist, Dandenong	1	9	7

Membership:

Life Members	11
Honorary Members	11
Single Memberships	376
Family Memberships (2x 46 =)	92
Total membership	490

Duty Roster

12th March	Bill & Doug
19th March	Jean & Stephen
26th March	Lloyd & Judy
9th April	Jean & Derrick

Next committee meeting 7th April, 1997



South Georgia - Where's That?

South Georgia is a large (3755 sq km), mountainous island located in the South Atlantic at about the same latitude as Australia's Macquarie Island. Well over half the island is permanently covered by ice and snow. The coastline is deeply indented with fjords. It is wet, cold, windy – and home to one of the most **incredible concentrations of wildlife** to be found anywhere in the world: 2000 reindeer, 300 000 southern elephant seals, two million Antarctic fur seals, more

Why go with Willis's Walkabouts? Who else is going to give you the chance to experience the wonder of the place on its own terms? We'll use the boat we used on the southernmost portion of our 1995-96 South America trip. It's about 18 metres long and has the exceptional safety of both sails and twin engines. (We may use the same boat for a trip to the Antarctic Peninsula; it's been there before – but that's another story.)

When? The trip begins mid to late October 1997.



PHONE (08) 8985 2134 FAX (08) 8985 2355

Walks in March/April 1997

Date	Location		Standard	Leader
7-10	Moroka Gorge (Pack Carry)	Private	Medium	Jopie Bodegraven
7-10	Moroka Gorge (Pack Carry)	Private	Easy	Jean Giese
9 Sun	Anglesea East & West	Bus	E/M & Medm	Monika Hollander & Peter Havlicek
14-16	Wilson's Prom: Roaring Meg & Light	Private	E/Medium	Anne Wilkins
14-16	Wilson's Prom in a Day	Private	Hard	Meryllyn Whimpey
14-16	Bogong NP Work Party	Private	Easy	Dough Pocock
16 Sun	Noojee State Forest: Bellbird Creek	Bus	E/M & Med	John Kittson & Stuart Mann
19 Wed	Nepean State Park	Private	E/Med	Joan Haigh
21-23	Cobbler Plateau & Waterfalls	Private	Medium	Pearson Cresswell
22 Sat	Dandenongs Explorer	Private	Easy	Helene Hunt
23 Sun	Federation Day Walk: Kinglake (8.30)	Bus	Various	Margaret Borden
28-11 Apr	Budawangs - Woila Creek	Private	Medium	Jopie Bodegraven
28-31	Croajalong Nat Park:	Private	Easy & E/M	Stephen Rowlands & Lloyd Young
30 Sun	Chum Creek - Dixons Creek	Bus	Easy & Med	Peter Havlicek & Brian Crouch
31 Mon	Elwood Swamp & Canal	Private	Easy	Athol Schafer
4-6 Apr	Otways Base Camp (Ryan's Den)	Private	E/Medium	Sylvia Ford (Wilson)
5 Sat	Cycling	Private	E/Medium	Cameron McMillan
6 Sun	Cumberland River - Jamieson Creek	Bus	E/M & Med	Brian Crouch & Glen Berry

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